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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Why should an impending event obstruct the present course of routine administration, which is necessary in the public interests? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It should not, and there has not been any such difficulty. Government do not find much difficulty in stopping promotions for a few weeks."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—" How many persons have been given promotion among the non-Andhras and the Andhras? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" A classification of promotions according to Andhras and non-Andhras is unnecessary now. I have said definitely that there has been no promotion of non-Andhra Government servants as alleged in the question. Any further question as to promotions and classifications of promotions in the Andhra and non-Andhra categories is not desirable now. If there is any complaint, the officers will make complaints."

Cholera in Nellore and Kovur taluks.

* 1022 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what permanent measures are taken to prevent the recurring outbreak of cholera in Nellore and Kovur taluks?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The following measures have been undertaken to prevent recurrence of the outbreak of cholera :—

(1) As the most important cholera preventive measure is provision of protected water-supplies, a programme of well constructions under the rural water-supply scheme is under execution in Nellore and Kovur taluks. Three wells in Nellore taluk and two wells in Kovur taluk were constructed during the year 1952 and it is proposed to sink seven wells in Nellore taluk and thirteen wells in Kovur taluk during 1953. The wells for the 1953 programme are under execution. In addition, chlorination of all the drinking water wells is done systematically during epidemic times by a special staff appointed for the purpose.

(2) As the construction of sanitary conveniences of the ' flush-out ' type is another important preventive measure, propaganda is being carried out for construction of such latrines by the villagers.

(3) As cholera cases in the two taluks occur among, and spread through, agricultural labour migrating from dry taluks of the district, in the months of July and August, and January and February, intensive campaigns every year for protecting this migrating labour with anti-cholera vaccine are being done."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" In the case of those who are actually stricken with cholera, during the epidemic season, what

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steps are taken to arrange for a speedy cure, that is, provision of medical relief in the Headquarters hospital for those in the villages? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Patients in necessary cases are taken to the hospital for treatment."

SRI G. YELLAMANDA REDDI :—" Is there a van attached to the Health Department in Nellore district so that they may take urgent preventive measures? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Whenever there is an outbreak of epidemics, mobile vans are posted to districts."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is any subsidy given by the Government for the construction of new type sanitary latrines? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No subsidy is given, but water seal slabs are given at concessional rates."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is there a motor ambulance van attached to the Headquarters hospital to enable the patients to be conveyed from their villages to the Isolation Hospital at Nellore? "

THE HON SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir; whenever necessary, it is done."

Kodakkal Tile Factory, South Malabar.

* 1023 *Q.*—SRI K. P GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government received a memorandum from the Secretary, Kodakkal Commonwealth Tile Workers' Union, South Malabar, dated 8th June 1953, about the proposed indefinite closure of the Kodakkal Tile Factory; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government in this matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Labour Officer of Kozhikode has intimated the management of the Kodakkal Commonwealth Tile Factory that they should not close the factory as per section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is aware at what stage this subject is. May I appeal to him, through you, Sir, not to make a difficult matter more difficult by such questions? "

Women employees in the Secretariat.

* 1024 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of women employees in the Secretariat; and